

Lead Entity Advisory Group
July 21, 2003
Seatac, WA
Summary Notes

LEAG

Attendance:

Members:

Jay Watson, Hood Canal Coordinating Council, Chair
Steve Martin, Asotin Conservation District
Shirley Solomon, Skagit Watershed Council, Vice Chair
John Sims, Quinault Nation LE
Doug Osterman, King County WRIA 9
Paul Dorn, Kitsap County LE
Jeff Breckel, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
Scott Jungblom, Pend Oreille CD LE

Others

Present:

Other Lead Entities & Sponsors:

Kristi Silver, King County WRIA 8
Ken Kuhn, Walla Walla County Planning Dept

Staff:

Jim Fox, IAC/SRFB
Carole Richmond, IAC/SRFB
Kristi Lynett, WDFW
Brian Walsh, WDFW
Jerry Alb, WDFW
Keith Keown, WDFW
Margen Carlson, WDFW

LEAG

Members

Absent:

1 vacant position

Introductions

Round table introductions. Scott Jungblom was introduced as a new LEAG member. Scott works for the Pend Oreille Conservation District as the Lead Entity Coordinator.

Chair Report

Jay Watson reported that at the last SRFB meeting he stressed to the Board the importance of full lead entity operational funding and reiterated the desire of LEAG to not conduct a reallocation process for this biennium's funding.

Staff Report

Brian Walsh &
Kristi Lynett
WDFW

Brian Walsh welcomed Scott and stated that Jeff Breckel, Steve Martin, and Paul Dorn would be reappointed to LEAG for a 3 year term.

WDFW staff is working with IAC to finalize the "master" contract. Individual Lead Entity Operational Grant funding will remain the same for this next year, but because the true cost of level funding is more than last biennium, "enhanced" WDFW administrative support functions may

have to be pared down. WDFW is also working with IAC to negotiate carrying over unspent funds from last biennium to help offset next year's anticipated expenses.

Dick Wallace of the Department of Ecology wishes to coordinate 2496 efforts with 2514 (watershed planning) efforts. Jay Watson emphasized the importance of early and frequent collaboration between lead entities and those developing a strategy for coordination between 2496 and 2514.

Lead Entity Coordinators are currently reviewing the proposed 2003-2004 LE Operational Grant deliverables and WDFW staff will begin creating the contracts in the Department's new database by the end of the month. Please look for your contracts and Policy and Procedures Manual in the mail throughout the month of August. Prompt return of the signed contracts will enable quicker payment of your invoices.

Jim Fox
IAC/SRFB

All LE Coordinators present indicated that they thought the deliverable requiring application entry into PRISM was a request fair and that they would attempt to work with their sponsors and IAC staff to get the data entered. Shirley Solomon agreed to assist IAC in preparing appropriate training opportunities for all LE Coordinators and/or sponsors.

**5th Round
Issues Task
Force Update**

IAC's intention is to maintain the same individual funding level for each LE for 2003-2004 as well as 2004-2005 (excluding changes based on 2003-2004 expenditures).

The Issues Task Force (ITF) met on June 26 and plans on meeting again July 30 and August 1. Please see attached First Meeting Summary and Possible Issues papers for further information regarding the June 26 meeting. The upcoming meeting will focus on 1) clarifying LE Habitat Restoration and Protection Project Strategies and their use by Tech Panel 2) small grant program proposed by Northwest Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NWFWF), and 3) developing an ITF work plan. The meeting is open to all who would like to observe. IAC is staffing the ITF and will make sure to create opportunities for outreach and public comment. Discussion centered on the need for a work plan that specifies which issues will be taken to what SRF Board meeting; how issues will be circulated for comment prior to being taken to the Board; and whether the ITF membership was sufficiently representative.

**Jerry Alb,
WDFW**

Jerry has been hired to replace Sara LaBorde as the Salmon Recovery Lead. He is on an IPA from the WSDOT where he had served as the Environmental Services Director. Please see attached "Summary of LEAG Comments- My thoughts on salmon recovery direction" for more details on Jerry's vision for state-supported salmon recovery. WDFW will be more fully developing these framework concepts and will look for stakeholder review and input throughout the fall.

**Limiting
Factors
Statewide
Report
Update**

The SRFB awarded the Conservation Commission \$180,000 to develop a statewide "roll-up" of the WRIA LFA reports by March 2005. A review group will be established and LEs are welcome to provide input into the process and the various upcoming versions. Several LEs expressed concern and confusion about the need and audience for this document. Please see Carol Smith's "Statewide Salmonid Freshwater Habitat Limiting Factors Report" summary for more details. ** Since the LEAG meeting, Carol Smith has been invited (and has accepted) an invitation to speak directly to LEAG and address questions and concerns about the Statewide LFA Report.

**Habitat
Work-
schedule**

WDFW has developed a summary of current LE efforts toward creating a Habitat Work Schedule (attached). The Schedule could contain projects in addition to SRF Board-funded projects as well as potential projects. WDFW will work to create further Habitat Work Schedule guidance, incorporating current efforts. WDFW will also invite LE "experts" to LEAG to demonstrate their process and products for capturing project data.

**LEAG
elections**

Shirley Solomon was selected by unanimous consent as the LEAG Chair for next year, and Doug Osterman was unanimously voted as Vice Chair. Jay Watson was recognized and honored for his role as LEAG Chair the past 2 years.

**NEXT MEETING
10 a.m.
September 8, 2003
Seatac, WA**